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Lester Snow

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Dear Mr. Snow

On a recent river rafting excursion I attended on the American River, I learned of CALFED's plan to increase water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams ~~or~~ or building new offshore storage reservoirs. I strongly oppose this plan due to the tragic consequences which would flood upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed sites of stream storage reservoir would drain massive amounts of water from the Sacramento River.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation and reclamation projects to expand our existing water supply rather than building new dams and canals. This could easily be done by merely switching to higher value and less water consumptive crops and by installing water meters for all agricultural and urban users.

I do support CALFED'S proposed

restoration goals for the Central Valley -
including removing some facilities such as
the ENGLEBRIGHT DAM, that act
as serious barriers to migrating salmon,
acquiring important riparian habitat,
and increasing instream flows for
fish, wildlife and recreation

We cannot solve the ecological
problems caused by dams and diversions
by building more dams and diversions

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,



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